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A. Introductory Comments

This paper is in reply to the Final Office Action mailed August 25, 2003 (Paper No. 16), and is submitted on or before the shortened statutory period response date of November 25, 2003. No extensions of time are therefore necessary.

Consideration of the following remarks and entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.